



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
Church Planting in Chervona Sloboda
3rd Quarter 2012 Report

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"Summer Camp"

Usually, when we pray, we want God to help us achieve our goal. Naturally, we are confident that this is exactly what God Himself wants. Have you ever had to deal with the phenomenon of frustration? I have often. I know that what I do in the name of God must necessarily be a success, and that what's done in the will of God always has a success regardless of the outcome. We measure success by seeing our result, but I'm sure God looks at it differently. He has his own goals and His own definitions of success. What can seem like failure to us can, in fact, be the victory of God. Because God is able to convert evil to good. I realized that I must do all that I can, of course according to the will of God, and accept any outcome as a success. I remember that Jesus Christ himself was often not accepted and, at times, people could not listen. He could not perform miracles because of unbelief. Does this mean that He failed? Oh, I'm sure not. God is not a loser. He always wins, because He is God!

Excuse me, I think I've begun to preach. This happens to preachers. I got a little carried away.

This year we held a children's camp. Everything went great. It was a good program, and the children were very happy. But the children were not many: 17-18 children, and their ages were 7-12 years. By the children's own testimony, we knew that they really enjoyed the camp. Someone remembered the Bible stories, another especially liked a song, someone has met new friends, and someone else loved the games. But most of all I liked the testimony of a girl who said that she had learned a lot about God. She realized that Jesus had died for her sins. I want to see this child-like faith remain and grow into a saving faith in Jesus Christ. Please pray about it.

Because of the small number of children we were able to economize and saved a little. We use the remaining funds for the school. We bought a variety of sporting equipment: balls, tennis rackets, badminton, and other sports items. The director of the school was very grateful. He told us that the children do not have enough of such things, because the government doesn't allocate enough funds to buy new equipment.

Maybe at first glance, it appears that our camp project was a failure. At least we were a little disappointed with the number of children. But in the end we realized that God is in control, and God is no loser!

Thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for your prayers and financial support. Our victory is your victory, the victory is God! God bless you!

August 2012

God Can Save a Sinner

Luda accepted Jesus Christ in prison. She was put there for drugs. When released from prison, she was baptized, but like many addicts she soon returned to her past life. It's very difficult for a person to resist the sin that has become so familiar over the years. It is difficult to break with the past, where there were old

friends. It was specifically those old friends who lured Luda back to a life of sin. But God continued to work in her heart. Having experienced the grace of God in her life, Luda realized that she no longer wanted to live her former lifestyle. She realized that if she didn't stop, she would perish. She realized that, on her own, she could not deal with habitual sin. Her parents gathered all the money and sent their daughter to the rehabilitation center in Sloboda. Recently the Lord led Luda to come forward and pray the prayer of repentance. Sister Luda is successful rehabilitation, at every meeting she prays for such sinners as herself, because she knows firsthand what it means to be in bondage to sin.

Like Luda, today many others are in rehabilitation centers. Pray to God for them.

September 2012



Greetings to you, dear brothers and sisters in Christ!
Grace to you and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ!

I hasten to share with you a happy event, which took place on Saturday in our church and in our family. Our daughter Anya and Roma Schurenko (about whom I wrote that he was preparing for baptism) were baptized. Praise the Lord! The baptism took place on the lake not far from the church. There were baptized over 30 people from different churches in Boyarka, Kiev, Zgurovka, Chervona, Sloboda. It was a wonderful holiday. At first the weather

was overcast and cool, but when the service began and the church prayed, the clouds slowly began to disperse and the sun appeared. After a short time it even got hot. God once again showed us that He loves us and cares; He loves to please His children. Praise Him for it! Most young people were baptized at the age of 14 - 18 years. This is very joyful and says that the church has a future and that young people make their choice in favor of God. As usual, after the baptism we had a time of socializing and dinner. At the Sunday evening service everyone congratulated the new members of the church. At the end of the meeting, many were crying with joy, because nine more children came forward and testified of their faith in God. They tearfully repented and dedicated themselves to Jesus Christ. Among these children was our daughter Darina and Angelica, the daughter of Eugene and Sofia Buyko. What could be happier than to see our children dedicate their lives to the Lord Jesus? We are very happy that our churches are growing, not as quickly as we would like, but we entrust these issues into the hands of God. He knows what He is doing. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

We are very grateful to you, dear brothers and sisters, for your prayers. Thanks to prayers and the Holy Spirit, we are able to perform spiritual service. Thank you for your financial support, which is so necessary for our material life. Thank you, dear ones. God bless you and reward you a hundredfold!

We pray for you, for your families, your churches, your ministries to flourish and be enriched by God. Pray for the new members of the church, and for the Lord's blessing on our ministries in Ukraine.



Sincerely,
Vitaly Yurchenko